

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of Hariena Van Peursem, and we are richer because Hariena lives among us; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Hariena was born on December 15, 1912, to Teunis and Jessie Groeneweg. She grew up and attended school in rural Stickney, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Hariena married Albert Van Peursem on November 29, 1933, and to this union three children were born. Her life was further blessed with 8 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren; and,

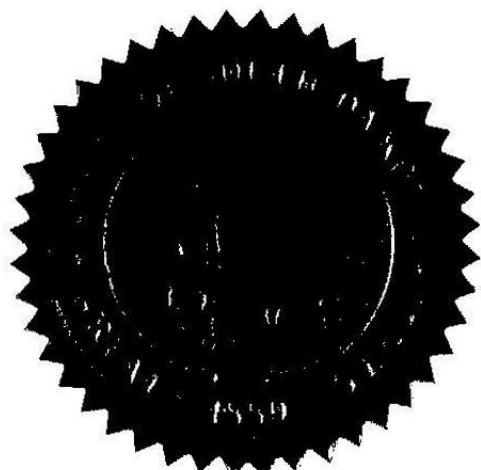
*Whereas*, Hariena resides at the Pleasant View Good Samaritan Home in Corsica, South Dakota ; and,

*Whereas*, Hariena will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

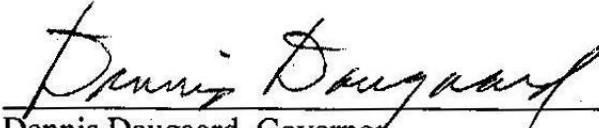
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 15, 2012, as

## ***HARIENA VAN PEURSEM DAY***

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

  
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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
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Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State